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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, MARR, KU, TU, GR
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR DELIVERY A-4
ARICRAFT TO KUWAIT

REF: STATE 075404 (DTG 051553Z APR 77)

1. REGARDING PARA 4 REFTEL, OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST WILL BE TREATED BY GREEK AUTHORITIES AS SENSITIVE MATTER. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE GOG'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH ARAB STATES WILL PROABLY OUTWEIGH GREEK RELUCTANCE TO PERMIT COMBAT AIRCRAFT TO USE GREEK AIRSPACE FOR ACCESS TO TURKEY.

2. WE SUSPECT IT WILL BE EASIER FOR THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE TO STAFF THIS MATTER WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IF THE REQUESTS CONTAIN SOME EXPLANATION OF REASON WHY ALTERNATE ROUTING TO TURKEY WAS NOT SELECTED.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, AIRCREW OPERATION OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT THROUGH THE ATHENS, NICOSIA AND ANKARA FIR'S
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HAS BECOME QUITE A COMPLEX PROCESS BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING CONFLICTING GREEK, TURKISH AND CYPRIOT NOTAMS. PROCEDURES FOR COPING WITH THIS FLUC-TUATING SITUATION ARE QUICKLY DISSEMINATED TO MILITARY AIRCREWS THROUGH ESTABLISHED DOD CHANNELS, I.E. , PRIMARILY THE CLASSIFIED USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE. WE TRUST THAT, IF DECISION IS MADE TO FERRY THESE THIRTY-SIX

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A-4'S AS U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT, THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL ENSURE THAT THE CIVILIAN PILOTS SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO DOD AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS. ANY INCIDENTS WITH THESE AIRCRAFT INVOLVING REGIONAL POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES COULD PREJUDICE THE OVERALL OPERATION OF U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

4. FURTHER, WE EXPECT GOG MAY NOT GRANT CLEARANCE FOR ENTIRE NINE-MONTH PERIOD, BUT RATHER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT. SHOULD GREECE LATER CLOSE HER AIRSPACE, A-4 DELIVERIES WOULD BE HAMPERED. USG MIGHT TEHN FACE OBLIGATION TO MAKE GOOD ON CONTRACTS WITH KUWAIT AND SKYWAYS, FOR EXAMPLE, BY SEEKING REOPENING OF AIRSPACE OR BY PAYING UNDELIVERED AIRCRAFT STORAGE COSTS.

5. AIR ATTACHE IS PREPARED TO INITIATE CLEARANCE REQUEST WHEN INSTRUCTED.
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